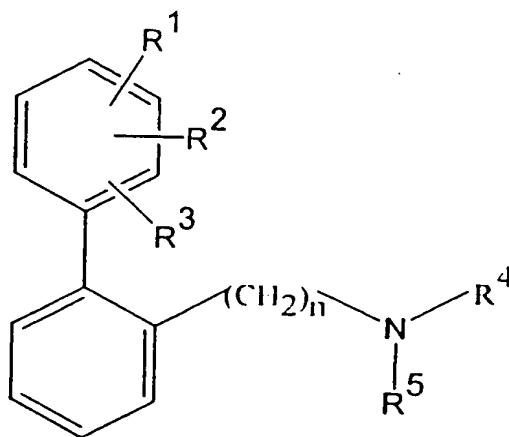


In the claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound of formula I



I,

wherein

n is 1 or 2;

R¹, R², R³, which are identical or different, represent H, F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CHO, SO₂CH₃, SO₂CF₃, OR⁶ in the 3' or 5' position, NR⁶R⁷, a C₁₋₆-alkyl, an aryl, an acetyl, an acetamidyl or a benzoyl group or represent an aryl group bonded via a C₁₋₆-alkylene group;

or R¹ and R² together denote the group OCH₂O, OCH₂CH₂O, CH=CHO, CH=C(CH₃)O or CH=CHNH;

R⁴, R⁵, which are identical or different, represent H, or a C₁₋₆-alkyl group;

R⁶, R⁷, which are identical or different, represent H, a C₁₋₆-alkyl or an aryl group, or represent an aryl group bonded via a C₁₋₆-alkylene group;

or a physiologically tolerated salt,

provided that the compounds:

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde;

biphenyl-2-ylmethyldimethylamine;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-ol, and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',3'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrochloride and hydrobromide;

(4'-methylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)-dimethylamine;

(2'-methylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)-dimethylamine;

4-chloro-2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-carbonitrile;

(2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-yl)methanol;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2,3-diol, and the corresponding hydrobromide;

[2-(3',4'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]-dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrochloride;

[2-(2',3'-dimethoxy-6'-methylbiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]-dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrobromide;

and

biphenyl-2-ylethyldimethylamine are excluded.

2. (Original) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound according to claim 1, wherein one or more of R¹, R² and R³ represent a C₁₋₃-alkyl group.

3. (Original) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound according to claim 1, wherein one or more of R¹, R² and R³ represent an aryl group bonded via a C₁₋₃-alkylene group.

4. (Original) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ or R⁵, or both, represent a C₁₋₃-alkyl group.

5. (Original) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁶ or R⁷, or both, represent a C₁₋₃-alkyl group.

6. (Original) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁶ or R⁷, or both, represent an aryl group bonded via a C₁₋₃-alkylene group.

7. (Currently Amended) A substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound ~~according to claim 1~~, selected from the group consisting of:

(3'-methoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(4'-chlorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-3-ol and the corresponding hydrochloride;

~~(2'-methoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;~~

(3'-chlorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2'-fluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3'-fluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(4'-fluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3'-chloro-4'-fluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3'-methoxybiphenyl-2-ylethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

dimethyl-[2-(2-methylbenzofuran-4-yl)benzyl]amine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde hydrochloride;

(3'-difluoromethylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-3-carbaldehyde and the corresponding hydrochloride;

~~biphenyl-2-ylmethyl~~dimethylamine hydrochloride;

(3',4'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3',5'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

dimethyl-(4'-nitro-3'-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)-amine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3',4'-difluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(4'-fluoro-3'-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethyl-amine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(4'-chloro-3'-methoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

N-(2'-dimethylaminomethyl-3-trifluoromethoxybiphenyl-4-yl)acetamide and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(3'-isopropoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding and the corresponding hydrochloride;

2'-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)biphenyl-3-ol and the corresponding hydrochloride;

4-chloro-2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-3-ol and the corresponding hydrochloride;

[2-(1*H*-indol-5-yl)benzyl]dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(4'-methanesulfonylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',4'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',3'-difluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',5'-difluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylbenzyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

1-[2'-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)biphenyl-3-yl]ethanone and the corresponding hydrochloride;

[2-(3'-isopropoxybiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

[2-(4'-chloro-3'-methoxybiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

4-chloro-2'-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)biphenyl-3-ol and the corresponding hydrochloride;

dimethyl-(3'-nitrobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)amine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

4-amino-2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-3-ol and the corresponding dihydrochloride;

(3',5'-difluorobiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',5'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride;

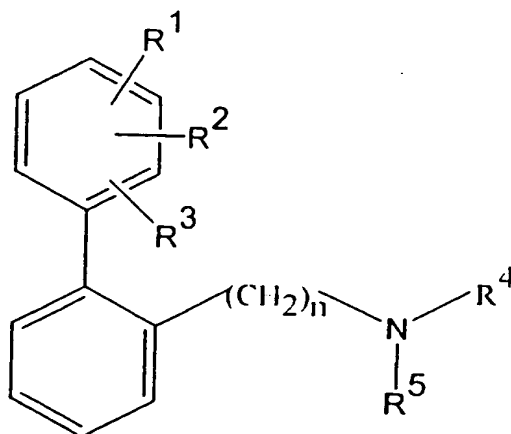
2'-dimethylaminomethyl-5-trifluoromethoxybiphenyl-2-ylamine and the corresponding dihydrochloride;

N-(2'-dimethylaminomethyl-5-trifluoromethoxybiphenyl-2-yl)acetamide and the corresponding hydrochloride; and

3,5-dichloro-2'-dimethylaminomethyl-biphenyl-4-ylamine and the corresponding hydrochloride.

8-21. (Withdrawn)

22. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, a substituted 2-dialkylaminoalkylbiphenyl compound of formula I



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

R¹, R², R³, which are identical or different, represent H, F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CHO, SO₂CH₃, SO₂CF₃, OR⁶ in the 3' or 5' position, NR⁶R⁷, a C₁₋₆-alkyl, an aryl, an acetyl, an acetamidyl or a benzoyl group or represent an aryl group bonded via a C₁₋₆-alkylene group;

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or a physiologically tolerated salt thereof;

with the proviso that the compounds:

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-carbaldehyde;

biphenyl-2-ylmethyldimethylamine;

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2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-ol, and the corresponding hydrochloride;

(2',3'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrochloride and hydrobromide;

(4'-methylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)-dimethylamine;

(2'-methylbiphenyl-2-ylmethyl)-dimethylamine;

4-chloro-2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-carbonitrile;

(2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2-yl)methanol;

2'-dimethylaminomethylbiphenyl-2,3-diol, and the corresponding hydrobromide;

[2-(3',4'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]-dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrochloride;

[2-(2',3'-dimethoxy-6'-methylbiphenyl-2-yl)ethyl]-dimethylamine, and the corresponding hydrobromide;

and

biphenyl-2-ylethyldimethylamine are excluded,

and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

23. (Withdrawn)